

life, but none of these could have been possible without his faith, the love and support of his wife, Mary, and their two children—Sarah, a graduate of Mercer University Medical School and resident doctor in Savannah, Georgia and Jonathan, who received his Juris Doctorate from the University of Georgia and is a successful law clerk at the Georgia State-wide Business Court, following in his father's and grandfather's footsteps.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join my wife, Vivian; and me, along with the more than 730,000 people of the Second Congressional District, in extending our sincerest appreciation and best wishes to the Honorable J. Kevin Chason upon the occasion of his retirement from his over two decades of service to his community, state and nation. His distinguished judicial service has improved the lives of countless communities across Georgia by dispensing fairness in the pursuit of justice for all.

CONGRATULATING JEFFERSON GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 14, 2022

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Jefferson Girls Volleyball team on their victory in the Class 2 Girls Volleyball State Championship.

Jefferson Girls Volleyball made history by claiming the schools first state title in any sport. Jefferson Girls Volleyball should be commended for all their hard work throughout the past year and for bringing home the state championship to their school and community.

Please join me in recognizing Jefferson Girls Volleyball for a job well done.

HONORING THE MARTINEZ SPORTSMEN'S CLUB

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 14, 2022

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Martinez Sportsmen's Club, one of the oldest sportsmen's clubs in California.

Founded in 1920, the club was originally known as the Martinez Bass Club and housed in an old ferry in the Martinez Marina. Its goal was to allow nearby residents the opportunity to meet and share their recently caught fish. The club adopted its current name in the 1930s and moved to its current location on the Embarcadero in 56.

The Martinez Sportsmen's Club consists of around 130 members, and many of them are long-time Martinez residents who have family ties to the club's early years. Previously, women were automatically given membership upon the death of their husbands. Now, the club is open to all individuals who hope to further the Club's mission of strengthening the local community.

In past years, the club has provided scholarships to local high school students, offered an

indoor rifle range, and served as a gathering place where everyone from sheriffs, judges and congressmen to local business owners and fishermen can come together. It is currently led by President Robert Hatch, Vice President Lou Rossi and Secretary/Treasurer Linda Cunha.

Madam Speaker, the Martinez Sportsmen's Club has been an instrumental institution in our community for over a century. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor it and its members here today.

RECOGNIZING DR. DENIS ROD FOR HIS LIFE OF SERVICE TO THE MIAMI COMMUNITY

HON. CARLOS A. GIMENEZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 14, 2022

Mr. GIMENEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Denis Rod for 30 years of committed community service. A 47-year resident of the City of Miami, Dr. Rod has dedicated his adult life to serving the people of Miami.

Dr. Rod has served the Miami community in countless ways, beginning with his leadership of Miami Dade College's Amigos Club, an organization that helped international students get acclimatized to the Miami area. For 6 years Dr. Rod worked for Habitat for Humanity in Homestead and Overtown. He has served on several boards, both public and private, including the City of Miami Planning Advisory Board (as co-chair), the Miami-Dade County International Trade Consortium, and the board of CareerSource South Florida. Dr. Rod has donated bicycles for charity and actively participates in both the Latin Chamber of Commerce Holiday Food Distribution program and the St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Charity. He is a certified "Citizen on Patrol" and active in his area.

I am not alone in extending a tribute to Dr. Rod, who has received many recognitions during his career. The cities of Miami, Hialeah, Sweetwater, West Miami, South Miami, and Miami Beach, as well as Miami-Dade County, have presented Proclamations to Dr. Rod. Dr. Rod has also received the Southern Command Citizens Medal and a State of Florida Tribute from then-President of the Florida House of Representatives MARCO RUBIO. It is not an exaggeration to state that wholehearted service has characterized Dr. Rod's entire life. On behalf of all the Miamians his life has touched, I thank Dr. Rod for serving our community so well.

RECOGNIZING THE 85TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SEYMOUR PLANE- TARIUM

HON. RICHARD E. NEAL

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 14, 2022

Mr. NEAL. Madam Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to extend my warmest congratulations to Springfield Museums and the Seymour Planetarium on celebrating the Planetarium's 85th anniversary. This milestone achievement deserves the highest praise for

the hard work and dedication of the organization's board, staff, and everyone who has contributed to the Planetarium's success.

The doors of the Seymour Planetarium first opened in 1937. Founded by Chicopee brothers Frank, John and Stanley Korkosz, the Planetarium was created to educate and inspire, just as Frank Korkosz was inspired by the 1910 appearance of Halley's Comet, later building a rudimentary comet projector with a dynamite box and carbide lamp. Through their work, they have brought a new perspective of our universe to countless families and individuals.

Over the course of 85 years, the Planetarium has inspired generations of visitors. John Korkosz stressed the importance of curiosity and exploring the universe to better understand life on Earth. Through the creation of the Korkosz starball—the world's oldest operating, American-made star projector—he and his brothers have sparked that curiosity in countless others. The past few years, in particular, have highlighted the need for looking forward and inspiring the next generation of scientists and engineers.

Madam Speaker, I would like to congratulate Springfield Museums and the Seymour Planetarium again on celebrating the Planetarium's 85th anniversary and thank them for continuing to educate and inspire our communities. The Planetarium is a cherished landmark of Massachusetts' First District, and I wish them many more years of success and prosperity.

HONORING REV. ROBERT D. WELLS

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 14, 2022

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a great leader, a believer, an example, and a man of God, Rev. Robert D. Wells.

Rev. Wells is a native of Hinds County, MS. He was born on September 1, 1945 and the only child of the late Sister Lucy Joiner. As a child, Rev. Wells was challenged with getting money for haircuts, but instead of allowing that to be an excuse, he used the gift God gave him and became a barber and now a licensed barber stylist.

On June 12, 1965, Rev. Wells was united in Holy Matrimony to the former Paulette Rodgers. They have been blessed with 3 children: Christopher Daniel, Melissa Danyell, and Michael Daniel; and 3 grandchildren: Christopher (CJ), Carla and Camron Christian.

Rev. Wells is a member of The New Caney Creek Missionary Baptist Church in Jackson, Mississippi. He received his license to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ on May 14, 1972 and was ordained April 20, 1974.

Rev. Wells received his education in the Hinds County Public Schools. He matriculated in further studies at the Mississippi Baptist Seminary of Jackson, Mississippi, and the McKinley Theological Seminary, Inc., where he received a Bachelor of Theology Degree and a Master of Divinity Degree. Rev. Wells is also a graduate of Hinds Community College in Raymond, Mississippi.

Rev. Wells is known for serving. He served as one of the instructors for the McKinley

Theological Seminary. He has contributed to many organizations through membership, leadership (President, Supervisor), door to door evangelism, helping the needy, broadcast ministry, Instructor for 20 plus years with the Copiah County Alliance and a Pastor of four churches during his Pastorage.

Rev. Robert Daniel Wells is a born-again believer, preaching 50 years and pastoring 45 years in December 2022. Reverend and Mrs. R.D. Wells are in a united effort to bring about a spiritual change to the Glory of God.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Reverend Robert D. Wells for his outstanding services in Crystal Springs, Mississippi.

RECOGNIZING CJS ARCHITECTS ON FIVE DECADES AS A FIRM

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 14, 2022

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Madam Speaker, today I would like to recognize CJS Architects of Buffalo on the celebration of their 50th year in business. CJS Architects is one of New York's leading architectural design firms. Throughout the Western New York region, they have been responsible for the creation of countless development projects that have contributed to the resurgence of our community. Some of which include the Buffalo Central Terminal Rehabilitation, Graycliff Restoration, 500 Seneca, and The Sinclair.

Over the past fifty years, CJS Architects has received over 100 awards for their work. Throughout the years, I have had the opportunity to partake in many of these award ceremonies in addition to being present for numerous groundbreaking and ribbon cutting events. I have seen first-hand how much time and creative design is placed into each of their projects. CJS Architects has already done so much for Buffalo's restoration efforts, and they show no sign of stopping.

This firm's awards include the Residential Award through IIDA Buffalo, Outstanding Commercial Project from Preservation Buffalo Niagara, and multiple Merit and Design Awards by the American Institute of Architects. This represents only a few of the honors for which they have been recognized over the last five decades.

Every CJS project is not only approached as an opportunity to complete a client's objectives, but also as an opportunity to add value to our community. Because of this, each of their plans is unique and individualized by the firm. CJS Architects continue to work on Buffalo River Landing, 301 Ohio Street, and Westside Bazaar on Niagara Street. Furthermore, CJS has been the visionary behind the Broadway Market Master Planning and the African American Cultural Center Visioning. All these works have given Buffalo the opportunity to highlight local restaurants and merchants.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to recognize this firm and to commend them for their preservation and restoration of many of Buffalo's historic buildings. All of us in the Western New York community look forward to their future endeavors, and we wish to thank them for 50 years of their efforts.

CONGRATULATING THE LADY INDIANS ON THEIR STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 14, 2022

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the School of Osage Lady Indians on their victory in the Class 2 Girls Golf Championship.

The Lady Indians made history, taking home the first state title in the history of School of the Osage. The Lady Indians should be commended for all their hard work throughout the past year and for bringing home the state championship to their school and community.

Please join me in recognizing The Lady Indians for a job well done.

RECOGNIZING ANNIE "ANN" H. FLOWERS

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 14, 2022

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a devoted wife, dedicated mother, outstanding educator, and friend to humankind, Mrs. Annie "Ann" H. Flowers. An event celebrating her 80th birthday was held on Saturday, October 22, 2022, at 2 p.m. at the New Grady Baptist Association meeting in Cairo, Georgia.

Mrs. Flowers is a native of Decatur County, Georgia. She has used her life's work to uplift humanity through selfless service. She dedicated thirty-two years of her life to molding and shaping our most precious resources, our young people. Her career in education is indeed a storied one. During her career in education with the Grady County School system, she served in numerous capacities to include Classroom Teacher, Math Coordinator, Title V. Director, Assistant Principal, and Principal. Never one to rest on her laurels after retirement, she came back to serve as an Interim Principal for one year.

It has been said that "Service is the rent that we pay for the space that we occupy here on this earth." Mrs. Flowers has paid her rent and she has paid it well. Her commitment to service is evident in all of the different professional causes that she has given her time and treasures. Those include: The Grady County Retired Educators, Georgia Association of Education Leaders, Georgia and National Associations of Education, National Middle School Association, National Executive Female Organization, Southwest Regional Director of Middle School Principals, Governor's School Leadership Institute, Georgia Council of School performance and Georgia Department of School Improvement Specialists.

The great Agricultural Chemist George Washington Carver once said that "How far one goes in life depends on your being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the strong and tolerant of the weak and strong. Because someday in your life you will have been all of these." Mrs. Flowers has used her life's work both profes-

sionally and socially to minister to people from all walks of life. She is the Founder of the Boys to Men Mentoring Programs, a member of the Board of Directors for Grady County United Way, Friends of Roddenberry Memorial Library, The Thomas Grady Service Center Board, Southwest Georgia Board of Easter Seals of Grady County, and Georgia Pines Community Service Board. She has also served on the Advisory Board for the Head Start of Grady County. Mrs. Flowers is also a life member of the Order of Eastern Star Chapter No. 36.

Mrs. Flowers has also received numerous awards and honors during her life, most notably the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Drum Major for Peace Award and has the distinction of being the First African American Principal in Grady County, Georgia after integration.

Mrs. Flowers is a woman after God's own heart. She is a member of the Mount Calvary Missionary Baptist Church in Cairo, Georgia, where she is a Deaconess, a member of the Minister's wives Ministry and Pastor's Aide Ministry. She truly embodies the words of Acts 9:36: "She was abounding in good deeds and acts of charity."

Mrs. Flowers has accomplished many things in her life, but none of these would have been possible without her faith, the love and support of her husband, The Reverend Henry C. Flowers, Jr. and their three children.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join my wife, Vivian and me along with the more than 730,000 people of the Second Congressional District in extending our sincerest appreciation and best wishes to Mrs. Annie "Ann" H. Flowers on the occasion of her 80th Birthday and her phenomenal service to God and Humankind. May God continue to bless her and her family.

HONORING TOM ECOFF

HON. GREG PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 14, 2022

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate a fearless and courageous Hoosier and American Hero, Tom Ecoff.

Born on October 23, 1922, Mr. Ecoff enlisted in the United States Armed Forces at just 19-years old. He served in the 82nd Airborne as a paratrooper.

Mr. Ecoff jumped into Saint-Mere-Eglise on June 6, 1944—parachuting into Normandy on D-Day and fought in several integral battles across Europe that decided the course of the war. Mr. Ecoff ran into gunfire to save his fellow soldiers on the battlefield.

Mr. Ecoff is both a Bronze Star and Purple Heart Recipient for his bravery during World War II.

After being honorably discharged from the United States Army, Mr. Ecoff continued to chase the American Dream—creating a highly-successful trucking company back at home in Indiana.

This year, Mr. Ecoff celebrated his one-hundredth Birthday. He attributes this longevity to his loving family of four children, seven grandchildren and great-grandchildren, stating "I live every day for my family. That's the reason I'm here. If I didn't have them, life would not be interesting enough to continue. I give them all the credit for my hundred years."